four pay slabs ranging upto Rs. 3500/-, in the Tripartite Dearness Allowance Committee set up by Government. In the absence of the quantified rates it is not possible to assess the additional expenditure on this account.

Standing Committee on Drug issues

357. SHRI G. SWAMY NAIK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question No. 182 given in the Rajya Sabha on 26th March, 1990 and state:

(a) whether the committee set up by his Ministry to remove anomalies and discrepancies from the Kelkar Committee report has submitted its findings;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and if not by when the findings would be submitted;

(c) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has given a time limit for submission of reports; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (d) The Standing Committee constituted by the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals is a permanent Committee to consider the representations received from time to time regarding matters concerning DPCO, 1987 including inclusion/exclusion of bulk drugs under the scheduled categories. The first set of recommendations of the Standing Committee are being finalised.

Prices charged by M|s. Hoechst

358. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1387 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st November, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that apart from Frusemide, Pheniramine Maleate, Strile PMT and Barelgon Ketone, the company also challenged the Government fixed price of Glybenclamide;

(b) if so, what was the notified price of this drug price charged, rate of recovery per Kg. year-wise production during 1981-83 and the amount assessed by special team for each year;

(c) whether it is a fact that BICP recommended prices of formulations based on Government notified price of each of these five drugs;

(d) if so, when and what was the price recommended for each formulation; and

(e) what was the price of each of these five drugs on which formulations sold during 1981-82 and 1983 were based?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A price of Rs. 2458 per kg. was fixed for Glybenclamide on 17th November, 1983. The earlier price was Rs. 9800 per kg. Special Team tentatively assessed an amount of Rs. 2.58 lakhs in respect of this drug upto 31-12-1983.

(c) to (e) The operation of the prices fixed by the Government for the five bulk drugs and of formulations, wherever they were fixed, was stayed by the Delhi High Court in the case of M|s. Hoechst India Limited. The stay was operative till the Supreme Court judgement was received in April-May, 1987.

Representation for inclusion of Drugs under DPCO

359. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry received a number of representations for inclusion of drugs under price control which were wrongly excluded;

(b) if so, what is the number of representations received from 1st January to 25th April, 1990;